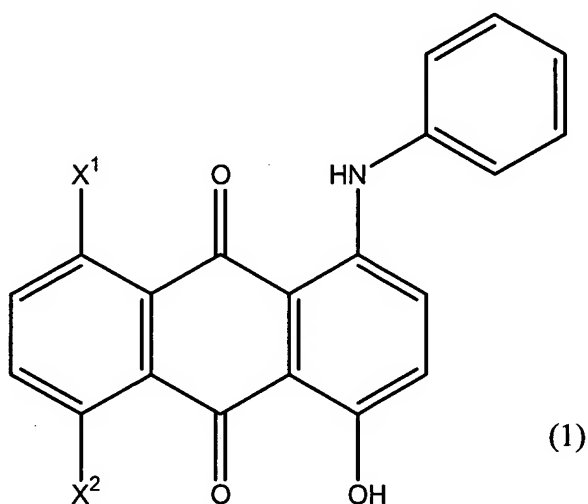


**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

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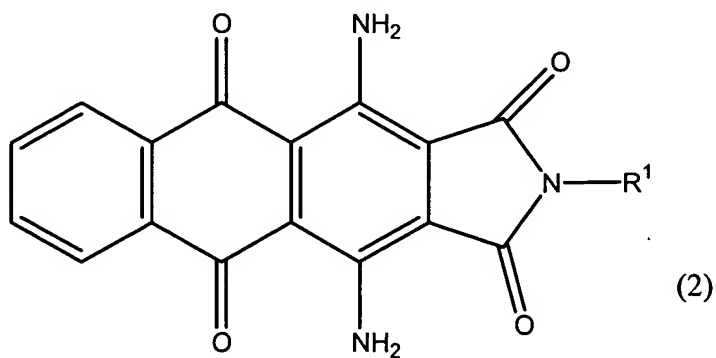
9. (New) A blue colored dye mixture which comprises

from 10 to 60 wt% with respect to the total pigment fraction of a blue pigment which is a mixture of the two isomers represented by structural formula (1)



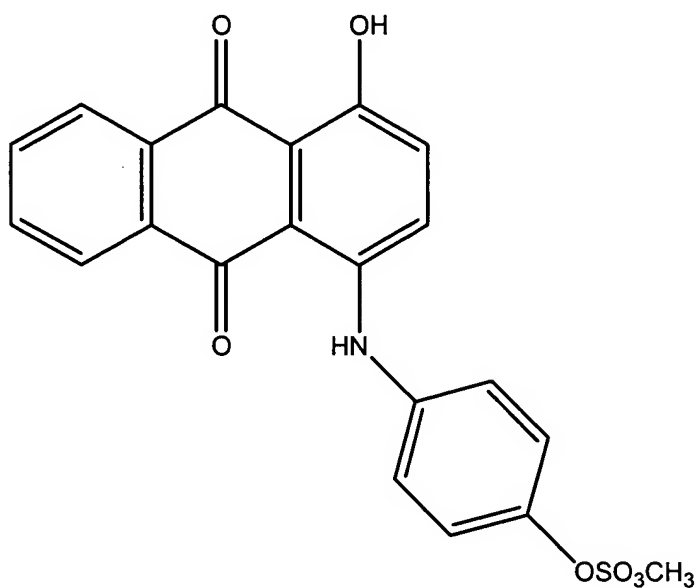
wherein one of X<sup>1</sup> and X<sup>2</sup> represents NO<sub>2</sub> and the other represents OH,

from 60 to 10 wt% with respect to the total pigment fraction of a blue pigment represented by structural formula (2)

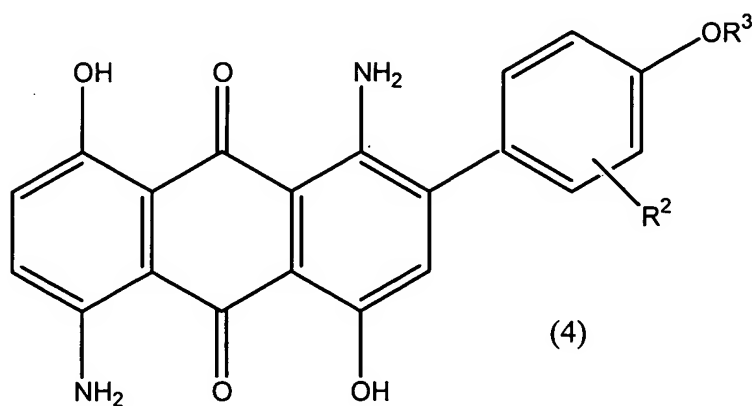


wherein R<sup>1</sup> represents -C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>6</sub>OCH<sub>3</sub>, -C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>6</sub>OC<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub> or -C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>6</sub>OC<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub>OCH<sub>3</sub>,

from 10 to 30 wt% with respect to the total pigment fraction of the blue pigment which can be represented by structural formula (3)



and from 20 to 0 wt% with respect to the total pigment fraction of a blue pigment which can be represented by structural formula (4)

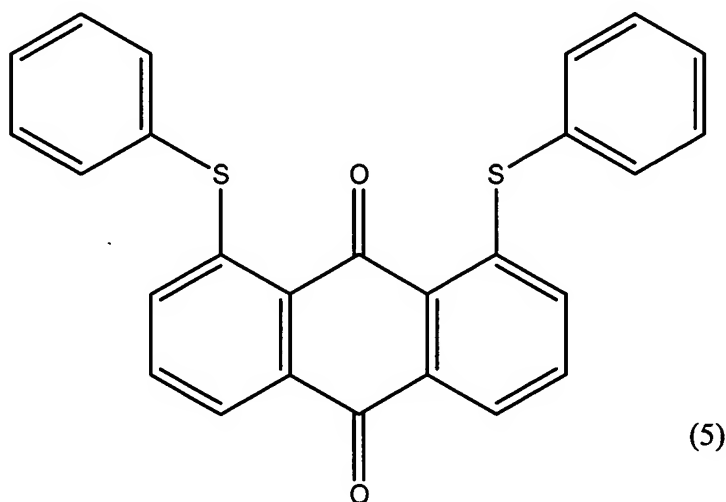


wherein  $R^2$  represents a hydrogen atom or a  $C_1$  or  $C_2$  alkyl group, and  $R^3$  represents a hydrogen atom, a  $C_1$  or  $C_2$  alkyl group or a  $C_1$  or  $C_2$  alkoxy  $C_1$  or  $C_2$  alkyl group.

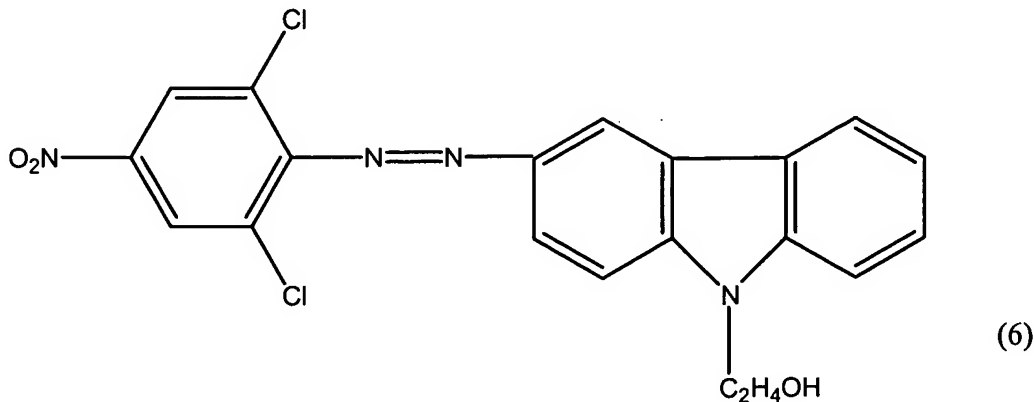
10. (New) A dye composition which comprises the blue dye mixture according to claim 9, and a yellow dye mixture and/or a red dye mixture,

wherein

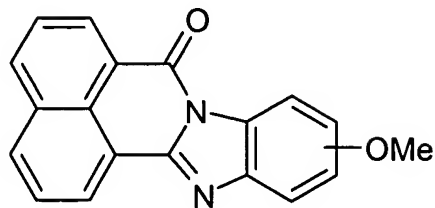
the yellow dye mixture contains from 25 to 75 wt% with respect to the whole pigment fraction of the yellow pigment represented by structural formula (5)



from 60 to 20 wt% with respect to the whole pigment fraction of the yellow pigment represented by structural formula (6)



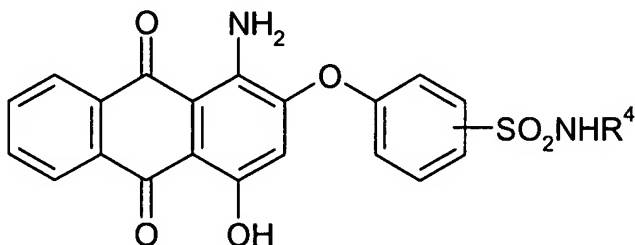
and from 15 to 5 wt% with respect to the whole pigment fraction of the yellow pigment represented by structural formula (7)



(7)

Me represents CH<sub>3</sub>,

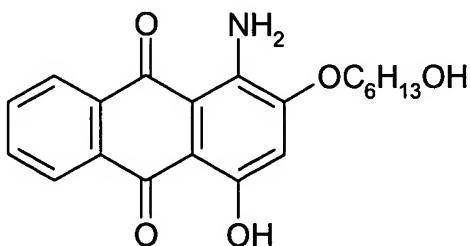
and the red dye mixture contains from 30 to 60 wt% with respect to the whole pigment fraction of a red pigment represented by structural formula (8)



(8)

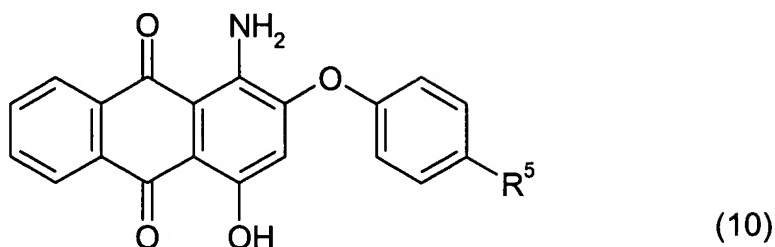
wherein R<sup>4</sup> represents a C<sub>1</sub> to C<sub>3</sub> alkoxy C<sub>1</sub> to C<sub>3</sub> alkyl group,

from 70 to 20 wt% with respect to the whole pigment fraction of the red pigment represented by the structural formula (9)

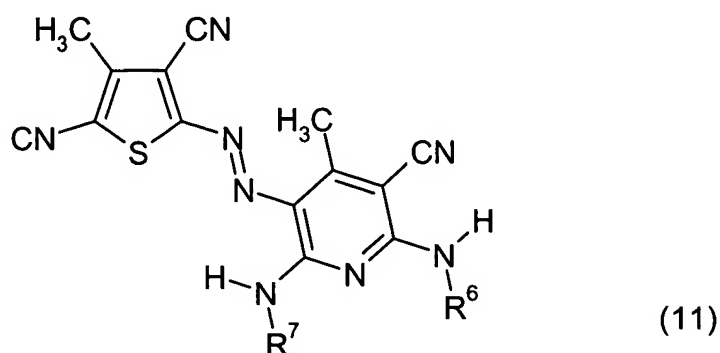


(9)

and from 0 to 20 wt% with respect to the whole pigment fraction of a red pigment represented by structural formula (10)



wherein R<sup>5</sup> represents a hydrogen atom, a chlorine atom or a bromine atom, or by the structural formula (11)



wherein one of R<sup>6</sup> and R<sup>7</sup> is a hydrogen atom and the other is hydroxyethoxyethyl, hydroxybutoxypropyl, acetoxyethoxyethyl or acetoxybutoxypropyl.

11. (New) A method of dyeing polyester-based fibers which comprises contacting the fibers with the blue dye mixture as claimed in claim 9 with the fibers.
12. (New) A method of dyeing polyester-based fibers which comprises contacting the fibers with the composition as claim in claim 10.
13. (New) A dyed polyester-based fiber material which has been dyed using a blue dye mixture as claimed in claim 9.
14. (New) A dyed polyester-based fiber material which has been dyed using the dye composition as claimed in claim 10.

15. (New) A method of dyeing polyester-based fibers according to claim 14 in which the polyester-based fibers are mixed fibers of different fineness.
16. (New) A dyed polyester-based fiber material according to claim 15 in which the polyester-based fibers are mixed fibers of different fineness.
17. (New) A method of dyeing polyester-based fibers according to claim 15 in which the polyester-based fibers are mixed fibers comprising polyester-based fibers which can be dyed with a cationic dye and regular polyester-based fibers.
18. (New) A dyed polyester-based fiber material according to claim 16 in which the polyester-based fibers are mixed fibers comprising polyester-based fibers which can be dyed with a cationic dye and regular polyester-based fibers.